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IN A LAND OF FREEDOM.

Dr. Frank Crane in the State has

correctly set down the objection to

the new Ku Klux Klan in these words

"But the general idea of a Ku Klux

Klan, or vigilance committee, or any

other organization of a minority of

the citizens, undertaking to step in

and take the place of the authorities

regularly constituted to maintain

law and order, is a dangerous one.

The arguments in favor of it are

specious enough. They are the old

arguments based upon the idea that

the masses of the people are too ig-

norant, or too negligent, to manage

their own affairs and to curb crim-

inals. Only a highly moral, select

and superior minority can do this."

The reason and the excellent ex-

cuse for the old Ku Klux Klan was

that, when it was instituted, liberty

had ceased to exist in the Southern

states. These states were under

military occupation. The white citi-

zens, nearly all, were disfranchised.

Free institutions having been demoli-

shed, the white people resorted to

expedients unknown to democracy to

save their civilization.

A society like the old Ku Klux

formed in Russia to protect the peo-

ple against the "Red" army might

be defended, but in the United States

is no "Red" army and the people can

do whatever they wish by the usual

means—by the ballot and through

the courts.

If government in this country is

not what it should be, the blame can

not be shifted by the people from

themselves.

One man's ballot counts as much

as another's. The blacksmith has

the same voice in the government as

Rockefeller has. If money rules, it

is because some of the people sell

out. If the time comes when the

people can not resist the temptation

of money, their liberties are doomed.

A corrupt people can not save them-

selves by resort to dynamite. Violence

is never a cure and seldom, if

ever, a remedy for evils.

Slogan of infant republic: "More."

Business will hang fire until the

nations hang together.

A lot of kinds get licked in the

early morning because Dad's razor

pulls.

You can't judge by appearances.

The bald man is seldom a hard-boiled

egg.

Man's inhumanity to man makes

countless thousands ripe for revolution.

Nations must learn to make re-

quests. We have had to much de-

mandatory control.

Man learns from bitter experience

that the root of all evil is the one

the dentist has to excavate for after

breaking off the tooth.

Whatever the spirit of universal

peace may be, it isn't the kind the

bootlegger sells.

Any good paragraph may have to

appear in print as original matter

at least eighteen times.

Some people live to a ripe old age,

and some yearn to see what she'll do

when wide open.

The honeymoon is over when he

begins to hint that she looks just

as well in cotton stockings.

When the inheritance collector

gets through with him you might

call him a bobbed hair.

The only collar that galls the free

American is the one the laundry has

tried to convert into a saw.

There was a time when you won

the world's respect by going to

church, but now you buy an eight-

cylinder car.

Some men think they know it all,

and some try to help their twelve-

year-old children work school prob-

lems.

Teasing prohibition agents mani-

fests a low form of humor. It is al-

ways heartless to ridicule the im-

potent.

CRESCENT CITY

R. C. Middleton has sold his undi-

vided half interest in all of the orange

grove properties at Crescent City,

which have been known and operated

as the Standard Growers Exchange,

to the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation

of New York, at the same time sell-

ing his half interest in the packing

house to the owners of the other

half, the Standard Growers' Ex-

change of Orlando. The amount

represented in the transaction was

around the six figure mark. The sale

to the Di Giorgio interests did not in-

clude the present crop of about 75

carloads of fruit now in the groves

ready to be harvested, nor the fruit

purchased in this territory by the

Standard Growers' Exchange this

season. It is understood that the

Standard Growers' Exchange has

sold the packing house to the Florida

Citrus Exchange, leasing it from

them for this season, and where all

fruit owned and bought by the Stan-

dard Grokers' Exchange will be grad-

ed and packed, according to Florida

Citrus Exchange methods, and sold

through that organization. This sea-

son's operations will continue under

the management of Mr. Middleton.

The grove property consists of about

seventy-five acres in fee simple, and

twenty acres under a long term lease,

all of which is in the highest possi-

ble state of cultivation. The packing

house is the largest one ever built

in this part of the state and is equip-

ped with the latest word in orange

packing machinery. It is understood

Mr. Middleton is not retiring from

the fruit business, but will remain

with the Standard Growers' Exchange

with headquarters at Orlando, to

which place he will move in the

spring.

Mr. C. A. Ferris of Seattle, Wash.,

who has been the guest of our people

for four weeks, considering our hotel

project, announced Thursday

morning that he would that day leave

for Jacksonville to spend a week. Al-

though there had been necessary de-

lays incident upon the procuring of

the corporation charter, The Crescent

City Development company matured

their plans Friday night when splen-

did reports were received from the

board members who were completing

the subscription list. On Monday Mr.

Chafer received a letter from Mr.

Ferris written at Chicago in which

he said he did not feel that he could

wait longer for us to mature our

plans. Tuesday night the board of

directors met at the home of Mr. B.

F. Tillingshast to face the situation.

Although universal regret was ex-

pressed that Mr. Ferris did not

wait for the completion of our plan,

it was decided unanimously to go

ahead. Crescent City needs better hotel

facilities and we cannot afford to

abandon the plan because Mr. Ferris

failed to keep his part of the agree-

ment. Just what the company plans

to do will be announced soon. The

charter of incorporation will be re-

ceived in a few days.

Crescent City people who date

their citizenship back to anti-freeze

days have been reminded of the old

time this week by seeing announce-

ment of the death of Hon. John Wes-

ley Davis, which occurred in St.

Augustine last Sunday. Mr. Davis

came to Crescent City in 1882, and

and was the first marshal of the in-

corporated town. Since moving to

St. Augustine he has served a term

as a member of the House of Repre-

sentatives in the Florida legisla-

ture.

The ladies of the V.I.A. will serve

a "covered" supper next Monday

(Hallow'een) night at the club house.

The supper will be served at 6

o'clock, and it is hoped all will make

arrangements to attend.

Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock,

and it is still raining. The rain be-

gan a little after midnight Sunday

morning and has been continuous

since—a period of over 82 hours.

Some of us are getting soggy, but

still have faith that "behind the

clouds the sun is still shining."

Lieut. George Sutton, who has

been spending much of his time in

Paris, France, since the close of the

war, arrived here last week for a

short visit with old friends.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George H. Ward

arrived last week and are now com-

fortably settled in their new home on

Park street. Owing to feeble health,

Dr. Ward, who has served some 35

years in the ministry of the Episco-

pal church in Florida, has retired

from the active work of the church,

and expects to pass his remaining

days in Crescent City, where he

spent twenty-five years of his pas-

torate.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Halbit, who

have been spending the summer at

their cottage, Ocean Beach, New Lon-

don, Conn., will arrive next week and

open up their Crescent City home

for the winter season.

The Presbyterian Sunday school

enjoyed a basket picnic at Sand Lake

last Saturday, with a full attendance.

Next Sunday will be observed as

Sunday school Rally Day by the

Baptist church. Besides Pastor Mur-

phy, there will be present to lead in

the exercises, Rev. Dr. Holmes, of

Orlando and Rev. Mr. Schuler of

Green Cove Springs. Services will

be held in the morning, afternoon

and evening. Following the morning

service the members of the congre-

gation and of the Sunday school will

be served with a picnic dinner in the

Eva Lym Park, by the ladies of the

church. It will be a great service

and on its giving impetus to the work

of the Sunday school.

The charter for the new Peoples'

Bank of Crescent City was received

from Tallahassee last Sunday. It is

present intention of the incorpora-

tors to lease a bank building which

Dr. Harbison is to erect on the cor-

ner of Central avenue and Summit

street, property he recently purchas-

ed of Joseph J. Eady. Dr. Harbison

is now in Philadelphia, where he is

investigating vaults and other bank

outfitting for the new bank.

INTERLACHEN NEWS

Mrs. Christine Motes and Mrs. E.

A. Brush were recipients, early this

week, of a box of most delectable

wedding cake from overseas, accom-

panied by cards announcing the mar-

riage of Arthur Stuart Davis and

Miss Amy Georgina Lodge at Cor-

shamside, Corsham, England, on Oc-

tober 1. Mr. Davis was for several

years a resident and property owner

here, his farm, under his cultivation,

being one of the best and most pro-

ductive in this section. By his ex-

emplary life and sterling character

he won the respect and affectionate

regard of the community, and has

the good wishes of all for a long life

of prosperity and happiness with the

lady of his choice.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Grove Park

were pleasantly entertained several

days last week at the Townsend home.

Miss Grace Townsend left last

Thursday for a pleasure trip, which

will include Orlando, Tampa, Day-

tona and Jacksonville, with brief

visits with friends in these various

cities before her return home.

The annual visitation of measles

among our small folk is now in pro-

gress. Little Adeline Lambert was

quite seriously ill for a few days,

but is her smiling, happy little self

again.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. O.

Edmunds will learn with sincere re-

gret that they will not be with us

this season, as they had planned and

hoped. Business matters will neces-

sitate their remaining in the north.

Mr. Jpson, recent purchaser of

property on Lake Chipco, has just